

Appln. No. 09/755,497
Amdt. dated: May 6, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action dated February 09, 2005

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005. This amendment is timely filed.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-7 and 9-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 19-26 were allowed. Claim 8 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

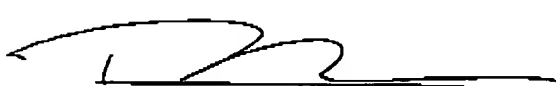
Claims 1-7 and 9-18 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and thus is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, this entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, such action is respectfully requested. The Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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